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Classified By: A/EcoPol Chief Joe Relk for reasons 1.4 (b)(d)

[1](#)1. (C) Per reftel a instructions, Post did not deliver reftel point to Bolivian Government as doing so would be counterproductive at this time. The Bolivian government used former Ambassador Goldberg's past experience working on Balkan issues as "proof" he was conspiring against the Morales Administration. Any USG approach on the issue would only serve to undermine our objectives. See reftels b-e for additional background.

[1](#)2. (C) Post did, however, engage with World Bank staff in La Paz, who told us the chair/vote Bolivia shares with other countries would formally abstain on the vote for Kosovo's World Bank membership.  
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